

# FOR HARRIS'S LIFE.

Ninth Day of His Trial on the Charge of Wife Murder.

No Doubt Remains that She Died from Poisoning.

Celebrated Medical Experts on the Witness Stand.

For nine days the people of the State of New York have been putting before a jury in General Sessions evidence against Carlyle W. Harris, the young, soft-spoken, bright, energetic, honor and prize winning medical student, who is on trial for his life. He is charged with having sent to her grave the beautiful school girl, Mary Helen Neilson Potts, who had given her heart and hand to him in a secret marriage.

What have the nine days brought forth?

The prosecution has proven by Dr. Fowler, and learned in his profession, that he was called to and treated the dying girl from midnight of Jan. 31, 1891, till her heart ceased to beat, eleven weeks later; that he diagnosed her case as one of morphine poisoning and treated her for morphine poisoning.

Dr. Banner and Kerr, younger men but in active practice, were summoned by Dr. Fowler to assist him in that long struggle with death, and they corroborated the older practitioner in every material particular.

The Allen McLane Hamilton, who has practised medicine for twenty-one years and won a world-wide fame as a physician and scientist, took up the embalmed body of the dead girl eight weeks after she had been laid at rest in the cemetery at Ashbury Park, and made a careful examination of every vital part.

He testified that Helen Potts was a healthy subject. That there was no ailment of the kidneys that would give rise to a tumor in the body, and no tumor, either in the kidney or elsewhere, was found.

A remarkable feature of the battle of the experts, in which Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Allen will arrayed with Dr. Hamilton on the side of the prosecution, and will be commanded by Dr. A. W. Ladd, of Philadelphia, author of "Therapeutics," is that Professor McLane Hamilton, one of the most famous medical scientists in the University of Pennsylvania, and professor to Prof. Remond M. Briggs, the great teacher of anatomy.

Dr. Hamilton was made to go over again his minute description of the post-mortem examination of the body of Helen Potts, in the vault at Ashbury Park cemetery March 29.

Dr. Hamilton said the body was that of a remarkably well developed and beautiful young woman of apparently twenty years of age.

"The kidneys were of normal size and of light, even red," said the scientist. "They were large and of the kind known as tubular."

Mr. Jerome traced one of the kidneys that he had taken to his laboratory and sent to the Medical College.

Later the doctor sent his report for it, and the scientist, who was also examining the kidney, and the investigator devoted himself to a scientific examination of it.

The questions and answers as to Dr. Hamilton's experiments and tests made the third hour of the day, and thus the day was spent.

To Mr. Jerome, on questioning said that the emulsion fluid was in the body, by Undertaker Sexton contained as follows:

## HABITS UNEXPECTED.

Harris, cool and calm, leaned forward and told the court all the same expression that one may see depicted a hundred times on the faces of those who are told they are to be buried.

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## SYMPTOMS OF POISONING.

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**THE CHARGE AGAINST HARRIS.**

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**WHO PREPARED HER?**

The chain of circumstantial evidence.

The prosecution say that the morning finger of circumstantial evidence points to Carlyle W. Harris, and that he is the only living being with a motive for taking the life of Helen Potts.

The law says that the prosecution must show the guilt of the accused by circumstantial evidence, and upon this foundation the呈出人 have offered much evidence on this point.

Harris prescribed opium pills for her headache, and that he presented a filled himself, delivering the box of capsules to his consulting patient next day. There were originally six pills in the box. He removed two before sending them to her.

Why did he do this?

The prosecution claims that he saved some of the pills to six to prove that he gave to his patient, and when he substituted a capsule filled with deadly morphine for one of the harmless quinine capsules.

## HARRIET L. PACKER DEAD.

She Was the Founder of Brooklyn's Institute for Ladies.

Mrs. Harriet L. Packer, founder of the Packer Institute for young ladies in Brooklyn, died suddenly this morning of heart failure at her home, 2 Grace Court.

Though seventy-two years old she drove out to Prospect Park yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Packer was the daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Putnam, and was born in Massachusetts. She was married in 1842, to the Rev. George C. Packer, of Brooklyn, the founder and for many years the head of the firm of Packer & Prentiss, of New York.

She had been a widow for many years, and had been a member of the First Congregational Church of Brooklyn.

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